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SILENE SPALDINGII
SPALDING'S CAMPION

Spalding's Campion is a perennial with stems that are 20-45 cm tall and arising from simple or branched rootcrowns. There are 4-7 pairs of sessile, broadly lance-shaped leaves that are 6-7 cm long below and gradually reduced in size upward. Foliage has long glandular-hair and is very sticky. There are few to many flowers in a leafy, somewhat open inflorescence. The tubular calyx is ca. 15 mm long, has 10 nerves on its surface, and is very sticky. The corolla has 5 separate, white petals, each composed of a narrow claw that is ca. 15 mm long expanding into a broadened blade above. Only the entire or shallowly-lobed blade with 4 tiny wings at the base protrudes beyond the mouth of the calyx. The fruit is a capsule that is 10-15 mm long and filled with numerous tiny seeds. Flowering in July-early August.

This species can be distinguished from other perennial *SILENE* by its very sticky foliage, and by its petals that are entire or only shallowly lobed and 2 mm or less long.